

News Briefs

Safety briefings
Mandatory safety briefings will kick off the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign Friday, May 26. The briefings will be conducted at the Columbus Club. The schedule is as follows:
7a.m. for the 14th OG
8:15 a.m. for the 14th Mission SSG/MDG/WSA
9:30 a.m. for the 14th MSG/MDG/WSA
10:45 a.m. for the 14th OG
Sidewalk sale
A mini-sidewalk sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday at the commissary. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

Advanced RAD program
The Columbus AFB Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Team hosts an Advanced Rape Aggression and Defense course from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the fitness center. The course is free and open to anyone who has completed basic RAD. Participants will build on basic self-defense maneuvers to protect themselves if confronted by multiple attackers and weapons. For questions or more information, call Ext. 1130 or Ext. 2875.

Change of command
The wing change of command ceremony will be held at 10:15 a.m. June 9 at the Ceremonial Plaza. BLAZE TEAM members are encouraged to walk or car pool. Parking will be limited to the enlisted lounge, post office, gym and track lots. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Hangar 1.

Closure
The Education Services Flight and the 14th Mission Support Squadron will both close at noon June 2 for official functions.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE									
PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD	
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required
37th (07-04)	5.39 days	3.02days	June 27	48th (06-10)	4.71 days	0.65 days	June 9	T-37	2500
41st (07-03)	4.94 days	-0.04 days	June 2	50th (06-10)	3.48 days	-0.33 days	June 9	T-38C	1125
								T-1A	1008
								Flown	2545
								Annual	20435
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									8855

Engineering evolution



U.S. Air Force photo

First Lt. Khary Davis, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, takes a break from his duties at a deployed location in Southwest Asia. Lieutenant Davis currently provides oversight for the construction of all Iraqi police stations in the west. His responsibilities include inherently familiarizing himself with the attitude of the local people, how they feel about the police development and other factors that could hinder or help develop the Iraqi Security Force.

AF launches civilian self-service system

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The Air Force will launch two self-service modules that will allow civilians to access their personnel information beginning June 1.

My Biz will provide civilian employees access and the ability to update information about themselves; and My Workplace will provide military and civilian managers access to information about their staff.

“These modules provide enhanced access to personnel information by enabling civilians to access information they need immediately using the power of the Internet,” said Col. James Sturch, Air Force Personnel Center director of civilian force integration. “These modules are a key part of our effort to transform the way we deliver personnel services and our goal to put information in the hands of those who own it.”

My Biz allows employees secure, real-time, online access to view information such as benefits, awards and bonuses, and positions from their official personnel records. In addition, employees may update their telephone number and e-mail address, disability codes, race and national origin (ethnicity and race identification), and foreign language proficiency online with My Biz.

My Workplace brings key information to civilian and military managers and supervisors about their employees together in one place, streamlining the human resources decision-making process and helping to balance managerial tasks with day-to-day demands more easily. My Workplace keeps managers and supervisors informed about their employees’ personnel actions. With online access to employees’ personnel information, managers are able to make budget decisions, staffing plans and work distributions more efficiently.

Congrats reenlistees The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the most recent Air Force reenlistees: **Master Sgt. John Calhoun**, 14th Medical Support Squadron; **Senior Airman Xavier Coley**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Delangela Robinson**, 14th MDSS; **Master Sgt. Julie Harring**, 14th MDOS; **Staff Sgt. Aisha Thompson**, 14th Operations Support Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. George Couch**, 14th OSS; and **Senior Airman Jeremiah Johnson**, 14th Communications Squadron.



Kenn Brown

Members of the Columbus AFB Honor Guard perform the retreat ceremony during the Memorial Day ceremony Wednesday.

AF leaders send Memorial Day message

WASHINGTON — The following is a Memorial Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

“To the men and women of the United States Air Force:

“In a time of peace and prosperity, we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. In a time of war, these memories are sharpened by the selfless service of those defending our freedoms daily.

“This Memorial Day, we pause to honor our fallen Airmen — Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian — who answered the call and paid the ultimate price for our country. Remember also the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, patriots all, who displayed the resolute courage that has defined our country through the generations.

“We also remember the families of those who served so well but did not come home. We hope that these families draw strength from the fact that their loved ones served a calling greater than their own self-interest. Likewise, we come together today to

stand with the families of those who continue to serve, as their unconditional support is our true source of strength.

“We remain a nation at war, and an Air Force committed to upholding the charge presented in the Constitution to “provide for the common defense.”

This Memorial Day, we affirm our gratitude for those who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could live and enjoy freedom in abundance. We will never disappoint their legacy of service before self.”

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General urges Asian-Pacific Americans to explore opportunities

Bo Joyner
Air Force Reserve Command

ROBINS AFB, Ga. — Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Robert “Lance” Chu would like to see more Asian-Pacific Americans take advantage of the opportunities provided by the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

“But not just Asian-Pacific people,” said Dr. Chu, the mobilization assistant to the assistant surgeon general for healthcare operations at Bolling AFB, D.C. “We’re trying to reach out to all minorities to broaden the face of the Air Force.

“To become a more effective organization, diversity is one of the ingredients,” said Dr. Chu, who is the highest-ranking Asian-Pacific American currently serving in Air Force Reserve Command. “Our senior leaders have stated clearly that diversity is vital to readiness and mission accomplishment.”

Dr. Chu was born in Hong Kong and became a naturalized citizen after immigrating to the United States at the age of 2. He began his Air Force career as an ROTC cadet at Fordham University in New York. A distinguished military graduate, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1972.

From there, he graduated from the Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Neb. Dr. Chu completed his internship at the University of Southern

California Medical Center and his residency at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in San Francisco.

After four years of active duty, Dr. Chu joined the Air Force Reserve in 1984. He served in the unit program at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., for 13 years, the last five as commander of the 452nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron, before making the transition to mobilization assistant in 1998. He assumed his current duties in March 2004 and was promoted to brigadier general in April 2005.

As a civilian, Dr. Chu has been an attending physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles since 1984.

“The Air Force Reserve has given me some tremendous opportunities,” he said. “I was given the chance to lead very early on in my military career and have continued to have many opportunities to learn and advance. And those same opportunities are available to men and women of all different races and backgrounds.

“I think there are a lot of Asian-Pacific Americans who are interested in science and technology ... and that’s not a bad stereotype,” he said.

“The bottom line is the Air Force has a lot to offer in the area of science and technology,” Dr. Chu said. “The opportunities are definitely there.”

For Asian-Pacific Americans who are



Senior Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Robert Chu encourages Asian-Pacific Americans to explore their opportunities with the Air Force, like Staff Sgt. Evangeline Guidry did. Sergeant Guidry is an information manager assigned to the 14th Mission Support Group.

fluent in a language other than English, that can also be a benefit when pursuing a career in the Air Force or Air Force Reserve.

“Knowing a second language is becoming more and more important globally and in the military,” Dr. Chu said. “In the future, knowing additional languages will likely give you an advantage on job assignments and promotions.”

The doctor said that when he talks to young minorities, he tells them to expect roadblocks that other people might not have to face.

“In a lot of cases, you’re not going to look like everybody else, and your background is not the same as everybody else’s,

but there’s nothing you can do about that,” he said. “All you can do is try to diplomatically fit in whenever you can and try to have people see you for your work and your talents rather than your race or background.”

Dr. Chu tells people not to feel sorry for themselves or blame others for putting obstacles in front of them.

“If you go through life focusing on the hurdles people put up in front of you, you may never maximize your potential,” he said. “The key is to find something you enjoy doing and work as hard as you can at it. If you are good at what you do, people will see past your sex or the color of your skin.”

‘07 Cadets learn future AF jobs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Some 1,000 junior class cadets learned May 19 what their future Air Force jobs will be, a full year ahead of their graduation date.

Until recent changes to the personnel system, cadets waited until the fall semester of their senior year to learn their career assignments.

Undergraduate pilot training awaits 525 members of the Class of 2007, following their graduation next year. Another 35 have been selected to fill navigator slots. Fifty-four are slated to become developmental engineers, while 31 cadets will become Air Force scientists. Also, 31 cadets were selected to become civil engineers.

The career assignments awaiting the remainder of the Class of 2007 are: space and missile operations, 56; communications, 55; acquisition manager, 37; intelligence, 34; contracting, 31; aircraft maintenance, 16; logistics readiness, 16;

personnel, 16; finance, 13; security forces, 11; air battle manager, 7; airfield operations, 7; weather, 6; munitions and missile maintenance, 4; services, 4; and cost analysis, 3.

The 37 cadets slated for acquisitions will first serve an operational tour of three years in the fields of aircraft maintenance, munitions and missile maintenance or intelligence.

Each cadet provided a list of his or her top six choices of Air Force jobs earlier this year. Cadets were then ranked based upon their academic and military standing among their peers. They were then allocated their post-graduation career fields based on this ranking, their preferences, their academic major, any physical qualification factors necessary for desired career fields and ultimately, the needs of the Air Force.

Eighty-eight percent of the cadets received one of their top three choices.

Love is... patriotism, esprit de corps, camaraderie

Lt. Col. Mickey Addison
2nd Civil Engineer Squadron

BARKSDALE AFB, La. — Love may seem to be an odd topic for a commander’s editorial, but I think very often that while Airmen may not use the word, they demonstrate their love in the way they serve every day.

I submit that above all, by living out our core values, we show love for our country, our Air Force and our fellow Airmen before love of ourselves.

First, in order to serve this great nation, we must love her deeply.

Patriotism is an abstract concept for many people, but for those of us who wear the uniform of the republic, love of country is an absolute necessity. With our nation at war, her warriors must believe

in the values that make this country great, or else our service becomes little more than mercenary.

Our United States of America stands astride the road of history, and we, her warriors, have voluntarily placed our bodies between civilization and the abyss of our enemy.

We have been blessed to serve such a great republic. No other country on earth can boast the freedoms that we enjoy here in America. Freedom to say what we think, believe what we want, associate with whom we choose, elect our government, and own our own property are values that are not common in our world.

Our enemies want to destroy our country and her civilization; Airmen who love their country are called to defend her. To

love our country more than ourselves lifts our service from just a job to a vocation, a calling, and it lifts us from being merely “in it” for ourselves to warriors for a great republic fighting in the cause of freedom, for ideals larger than ourselves.

Love of our Air Force is the way we express our esprit de corps, that intangible measure of the devotion of the Airmen in a certain squadron or wing. It manifests itself in the steely-eyed coolness of our aviators, the quiet technical professionalism of our maintainers, the can-do spirit of our combat support Airmen, and the selfless care of our medics.

We hear it in our squadron yells and we see it in the pride when we sing The Air Force Song. Esprit de corps, literally “soul of the body,” expresses the energy,

pride and morale of any warrior.

To love the Air Force is to give life to that soul of our service. The animation we give to our service makes us the best in the world, and inspires our fellow Airmen to greater feats of arms.

The final love is love of our fellow Airmen.

As much as we love our country and our Air Force, during the most extreme moments we fight for each other. Our training often bonds us through shared hardship, and the crucible of combat is the fire that hardens our steel.

Somewhere between the mundane tasks of everyday missions and the second-by-second terror of a street fight in Baghdad, we learn that our love for each other is what binds us most deeply.

Expanding Lean beyond the manufacturing floor

Col. Scott Coale
Reconnaissance Systems Wing

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio -- The Air Force is undertaking a major culture change known as Air Force Smart Operations 21, or AFSO21.

The purpose is to eliminate waste and apply the resulting resources to priorities set by the secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force, including modernizing and recapitalizing our force structure.

One of the important tools in the AFSO21 toolkit is the application of lean enterprise concepts.

Lean thinking is not new in Air Force Materiel Command; however, when most of us think about applying "lean" in this command, we think about the air logistics centers and their associated depot activity.

This is certainly understandable because the depots execute functions similar to commercial manufacturing firms, which is where lean concepts were first applied.

The same process of identifying value, mapping process flow, and eliminating waste can be applied to the "white collar" processes that are more characteristic of what many of us do here at Wright-Patterson. A good example is our effort to reduce contracting cycle time in the Global Hawk program.

By contracting cycle time, I'm referring to the time period required to convert an operational requirement into a signed contract action.

The Global Hawk team is executing an atypical acquisition model. The program transitioned from a technology demonstration directly into simultaneous development and production.

After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the technology demonstrator hardware was deployed in combat, which further complicated the acquisition strategy. The program was simultaneously executing acquisition phases that had historically been sequential.

The prototyping phase wasn't yet complete, and the program was already in development, production, sustainment and was deployed in combat.

One of the biggest challenges with this atypical acquisition model was an unusually large number of contracting actions that were consuming the time of program office and prime contractor staff members.

To address this challenge, we engaged the entire government and contractor team in applying lean techniques to reduce contracting cycle time.

This initiative started in 2003 and is continuing today. We used lean experts from the Lean Aerospace Initiative at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to facilitate the process. We started by identifying value and mapping the value stream for the contracting process.

We quickly learned we had three distinct types of contracting actions, so we divided the activity into three separate initiatives. The resulting value stream maps addressed development contract actions, production contract actions and engineering change proposals.

In a series of lean events, the resulting teams identified tasks that added no value to the three contracting processes. If all identified waste could be eliminated, the resulting cycle times could be reduced by 37 percent, 40 percent and 73 percent respectively!

The teams next outlined actions required to eliminate the identified process waste. Some of the actions were easy to implement and were immediately adopted. Others required longer term actions and were assigned to various individuals to work.

Most of the actions identified in 2003 have now been implemented, but the process continues. The lean journey is one of continuous improvement, and that certainly applies to our Global Hawk contracting process.

We've seen tremendous results from the first application of lean concepts. The easy fixes are behind us, but the process is far from perfect, so our commitment to lean continues.

We're now three years into this lean contracting initiative, and we've learned valuable lessons. We know it takes leadership commitment to invest in lean.

The people who are most busy executing the daily mission are usually the ones we need to dedicate to a focused period of process improvement.

When embarking on a lean initiative, we need to include all stakeholders in the process to ensure everyone takes ownership of the resulting recommendations.

When a lean event concludes and the team disperses, we've got to hold individuals accountable for closing the actions required to eliminate non-value-added activity.

These are just a few of our major lessons learned, but perhaps most importantly, we've learned and demonstrated that lean concepts apply just as readily to white-collar office processes as they do to the manufacturing floor.

Career Assistance Advisor Tip of the Week

I am interested in retraining into another enlisted specialty. Where can I find out information about a certain career field and what their duties and responsibilities are in that Air Force Specialty Code?

Enlisted personnel can research Air Force Instruction 36-2108 Enlisted Classification to see specialty qualifications and how each career field is broken down into key duties and responsibilities.

To speak with the career assistance advisor, Master Sgt. Shelli Fisher, call Ext. 7004.



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Surviving Vietnam War steered doctor to save lives

Tech. Sgt. Veronica Aceveda
379th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA — He was only 6 years old when he saw a dead Soldier lying in the street holding a rifle up in the air. He couldn't tell whether the man was American or Vietnamese because the body was burned.

"During the Tet Offensive of 1968, our house was damaged from explosives," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Paul Doan of the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group. "We had to move to the central highlands, where the Viet Cong and the Vietnamese army had been battling for days, leaving many to die on the streets."

Dr. Doan's father, a pilot and navigator, had stayed behind in Saigon to continue with the fight. He was a colonel and a director of air operations in the South Vietnamese air force.

In 1975, when Dr. Doan was in his early teens, he, his brothers and grandmother were part of a mass evacuation to the United States for people who were associated with the military.

Again, his father stayed behind as long as he could, until tanks rolled into the presidential palace. Dr. Doan said his father escaped on the last Marine helicopter out of Saigon.

"I was saddened by the loss of the country, for the loss of the freedom of those left behind and for the sacrifices made by both the U.S. and Vietnamese soldiers," Dr. Doan said.

Due to the separate departures, the Doan family members were separated for a few months. The family was encamped with others at Camp Pendleton, Calif., staying in large tents with about 50 other people. The father's journey had taken him to the opposite coast at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Soon after the Doan family reunited in Florida, they moved to Sanford, Fla., where they were sponsored by a church group.

"After seeing my parents having to start all over again in their mid-40s from scratch, I knew I wanted to succeed and pursue a medical career that involved relief of suffering and promotion of peace," Dr. Doan said.

His father first worked at a gas station, selling fish bait to tourists. Because he had interacted with U.S. military advisors on a daily basis, his English skills enabled him to find a job teaching English as a second language at a local community college.

Four of the five brothers, including Dr. Doan, worked at a McDonald's restaurant and mowed lawns on the weekends. Everyone contributed their paychecks to support the family of seven, all the while enduring prejudice stemming from the U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

"At the time, the perception at the time was that the Vietnamese didn't care, but they did -- same as the Iraqi people now," Dr. Doan said.

Although he was just a young teenager, Dr. Doan said he could tell the difference between communism and democracy.

"Democracy promotes freedom through the people, and communism promotes a society controlled by the



Staff Sgt. Joshua Strang

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Paul Doan, chief of aerospace medicine for the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group in Southwest Asia, evaluates Roberto Leal. Dr. Doan is a former war refugee from Vietnam. He is deployed from Barksdale AFB, La.

government," Dr. Doan said. This comparison is why he joined the Air Force.

"I believe in the mission of the Air Force -- defending the U.S. and promoting freedom around the world. I also felt a gratitude to the U.S. armed forces, especially the U.S. Air Force, for supporting South Vietnam's efforts in defending their fledgling democracy," he said.

After graduating from Duke University, Dr. Doan attended medical school through an Air Force program.

"I could've gotten a scholarship for other medical schools, but for my gratitude to the Air Force, I wanted to help alleviate any pain and suffering for the armed forces members," said Dr. Doan, who has served in the military for 17 years.

He is the chief of aerospace medicine at a deployed location and fills the same duties at his home station of Barksdale AFB, La.

From family physician to flight surgeon, Dr. Doan's ambition and accolades have paved the way for many Vietnamese Americans. He was the first Vietnamese-American to attend Duke University after the Vietnam War. He was the first of his nationality to be an Air Force medical officer at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. Last year, he was selected as the Yale University Johnson and Johnson International Health Physician Scholar. This honor took Dr. Doan back to Vietnam, more than 30 years after he was evacuated.

"When I left Saigon, I told myself I'd be back. So when I landed at the same airport I had left from, a flood

of emotion came over me as I realized I did make it back. I had an emotional tie with the past, and I was able to let that go," he said.

Dr. Doan's wife and young son accompanied him on the one-month trip, where he taught Vietnamese medical staff on topics including advanced treatment of heart diseases. He also visited his hometown.

"I barely recognized anything except my school," said the colonel, whose home had been converted into office space.

He had an opportunity to reconnect with some aunts and uncles. Although three decades had passed, he said, the family bond was still there.

"Overall, it made me feel very grateful to be an American," Dr. Doan said. "(Vietnam's) economy has prospered, but you can tell the people are still reluctant to express themselves."

"It's what we're fighting for now," he said. "We're fighting for a cause -- expanding freedom and security for us, our children and for those we liberate. Those are worthy causes to fight for."

Last year, Dr. Doan volunteered to serve at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Operating out of tents, he and other physicians performed various procedures from treating limb injuries to neurosurgery. He was also involved in a major research study that will be used to prevent wound infection during medical transport.

Dr. Doan said he plans to continue using his training to provide care to the Air Force's aviators, so they can keep taking the fight to the enemy.



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles
14th Flying Training Wing

The 14th Contracting Squadron donated time and hard work toward making the lives of the Vineyard Court Nursing Center residents a little happier and easier.

A year ago, the 14th CONS purchased an old van that had been used by student pilots as a mode of group transportation. Now, a year and \$10,000 later, the van is a safe and accommodating way of travel for those living in the nursing center.

"My squadron adopted the nursing center about a year and a half ago, and shortly afterward we found out they didn't have transportation," said Maj. Keith Kenne, 14th CONS commander. "They would have to hire the city handicap vehicle just to take the residents to their doctor's appointments.

When word of the project got around the local Columbus community, Premier Ford, Home and Transmissions, Bob's Paint and Auto Body, and Water's Truck and Trailer all jumped at the chance to lend a hand.

"They replaced the transmission, reworked the engine and gave us new brakes," said Major Kenne. "It's practically a new van."

The Vineyard Court residents now have many activities to look forward to — fishing, shopping and picnics.

"Major Kenne would continuously keep me updated on the progress of the van — letting me know who volunteered their time and where they were at on the project," said Rebeca Jenkins, Vineyard Court activities director. "We don't know how to thank them. This is a blessing from God."



Photos by Airman 1st Class Alyssa

Top eff: Maj. Keith Kenne, 14th Contracting Squadron, helped residents of the Vineyard Court Nursing Center get a close up view of their new mode of transportation. The residents now have their own way to go shopping and get to appointments. **Left:** Rebeca Jenkins cheers as Major Kenne presents her with the key to the van. **Above:** The 14th CONS and four off-base companies displayed the finished project in front of the Vineyard Court Nursing Center.



Services offers BLAZE TEAM summer fun in the sun

Holiday hours: The following Services activities will be open Monday — the bowling center from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Daily Grind from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the golf course from 7 a.m. until dusk, and the swimming pool from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. All other Services activities are closed.

Summer reading program: The base library offers its summer reading program, "Reading is Dyno-nite" starting June 21 and will meet at 10 a.m. every Wednesday for one hour until July 26. Registration for the program is June 11 to June 17 and is open to children entering grades one through six for the 2006-07 school year. A different activity is scheduled each week with prizes awarded for the different age groups at the end of the program. For more information, call Ext. 2934.

Jazz dance classes: The youth center offers these classes for youth and adults. Cost is \$36 a month for ages 3 to 12 and \$40 a month for 13 and older. Mondays classes are from 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 3 to 4 and from 1 to 2:50 for adults. Tuesdays classes are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 5 to 6, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 7 to 12 and 6 to 7:20 p.m. for adults. Wednesdays classes are from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 13 to 15 and from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m. for high school students. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Cheerleading spirit camp: The youth center offers this camp for ages 6 to 18 July 17 to July 21. Two sessions are available; 8 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child or \$40 for both sessions. Each program participant will receive 15 hours of instruction, a T-shirt, a certificate of course completion and the opportunity to provide feedback on the

program. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Cruise seminar: The information, ticket and travel office offers a seminar on the who, what, where, when and how much of cruise from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 14 at the Columbus Club. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

Summer day camp: The youth center offers this program for youth who have completed kindergarten through sixth grades. Camp is offered from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is based on total family income. Activities include swimming, field trips, arts and crafts, sports and more. Register at the youth center or call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Geyser Falls Water Park trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Philadelphia, Miss., June 10. Cost is \$25 per person and includes admission to the park and transportation. Call Ext. 7861 for more information.

Passport to manhood: The youth center and Dr. Mario Mercado offer a 14 week program for boys, ages 11 to 14 starting June 2. The program meets from 5 to 6 p.m. and concentrates on specific aspects of manhood through highly interactive activities. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Pool party family fun night: Mark your calendars for June 15 for the Columbus Club's family fun night and pool party from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost for adults is \$6.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. Cost of children, ages 6 to 12 is \$3.95 for members and \$5.95 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat free. The menu includes tossed salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, sliced pizza, baked

beans, potato chips, soda and bottled water.

Home decor workshop: The arts and crafts center offers a workshop at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. June 15 on how to make a room divider. Cost is \$50 and includes all supplies. Register and pay by June 9 at the arts and crafts center. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Crafts classes: The arts and crafts center's upcoming crafts classes feature seasonal projects. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Upcoming classes include a mosaic pot, a patriotic heart, an Uncle Sam door hanging, and a wooden flag box. The youth classes are offered Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Upcoming classes include a bird feeder, a Father's day gift, an Uncle Sam made with popsicle sticks, and a decorative visor. A display of all projects is available in the arts and crafts lobby.

Participants must register at least four days prior to the class date. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

Parents day out: The child development center and youth center offer parents day out from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. Parents must register their children by June 21. Call the child development center at Ext. 2478 or the youth center at Ext. 2504 for more information.

Lawn mower safety class: The youth center offers this free class for ages 10 and older from 1 to 2 p.m. June 10. Register by June 7 at youth center. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Chill out at the Daily Grind: The Daily Grind, located in the Fitness Center, offers Starbucks coffees and beverages as

well as soft serve with fresh fruit, granola and various toppings. The Daily Grind is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Ext. 2772.

Self help car wash: There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on ninth street. Cost is \$1 for 5 minutes and customers may add a quarter for each additional minute before the time ends for an extended wash. Call Ext. 7842.

Paintball birthday parties: The paintball field can be reserved for birthday celebrations, grudge matches or organizational play. Cost for groups of 10 or more is \$15 per person. Groups with less than 10 people must pay \$20 per person. Cost includes range fee, marker, mask, body armor, carbon dioxide and 200 paintballs. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks boss and buddy night from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Landing Lounge. A free taco bar is available for club members and nonmembers pay \$3.95. Wings are 25-cents each for club members and 50-cents for nonmembers from 4 to 7 p.m. Beverage specials are also available. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Quick shot bingo: The club offers this program during lunch at the Columbus Club, during the Boss and Buddy Thursday nights in the Landing and from 5 to 6 p.m. Fridays at the Enlisted Lounge. Cost is \$1 per card and pays from \$3 to \$1,000 for winning combinations. Call Ext. 2490.

The bowling center also offers their own version of quick shot bingo which pays from \$5 to \$500 for a winning combination. Cost is \$1 per card. Play anytime the bowling center is open. Call Ext. 2425 for more information.

Summer bowling program offers chance to win prizes

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

Bowling center customers will receive punch cards during the Summur Strike Force at the bowling center this summer as part of the Air Force Services-wide bowling promotion.

The program launches June 1. Punches will be given for every game bowled or large Coca-Cola fountain beverage purchased at the bowling center snack bar throughout July 31.

For every 10 punches, patrons will receive the corre-

sponding reward for that level (while supplies last), such as a floating star pen, Strike Force dog tags, koozies, towels, T-shirts or caps.

Plus, every completed card becomes an entry for monthly prizes such as a collectible patriotic bowling pin, bowling ball and bag.

Participants in Summer Strike Force will also receive a coupon good for a free medium Coca-Cola beverage and a free game of bowling for every card completed.

Summer Strike Force is sponsored by Quibica AMF and Coca-Cola, and gives customers the opportunity to earn rewards by collecting punches on three levels of

punch cards — red, white and blue. No purchase is necessary to enter to win monthly and grand prizes. Blue level cards will be entered for a chance to win a \$500 cash grand prize or \$250 second prize.

"The bowling center is the perfect place to cool off for some healthy, indoor fun with your family or friends," said Scott Bishaw, acting bowling center manager. "This summer, the more you visit the bowling center, the greater your chances of winning some terrific prizes."

For complete contest rules and entry information, visit the bowling center or call Ext. 2426.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at the Services Complex
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship service at the chapel
Monday:
7 p.m. — Officer Christian Fellowship
Wednesday:
11:30 a.m. — OASIS at Phillips Auditorium
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study at chapel annex
6 p.m. — Navigator Study at chapel annex

For more information about Jewish Islamic, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

Vacation Bible School

The Columbus AFB Chapel Vacation Bible School is from 9 a.m. to noon June 5 through June 9. This year’s theme is “Fiesta,” where ages 4 to 12 can get fired up about Jesus. Parents can register their children at the chapel now. Volunteers are also needed. For more information, call Daisy Lebron at Ext. 2500.

Family Support Center

(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Thrift Shop

Columbus AFB Thrift Shop is now accepting consignments Tuesdays and Thursdays until one hour before closing. The Thrift Shop is located at Building 345 C Street and is open Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 434-2954.

Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit

introduction monitors is at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is at 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Smooth move

A workshop for relocating families is from 2 to 4 p.m. June 6. Participants will learn what to expect from the travel management office, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tricare and the family support center. Registration is required by July 18.

Employment cover letters

A workshop explaining examples and the purpose of employment letters is from 9 to 10 a.m. June 7.

Base Notes

After hours lockout policy

The 14th Security Forces Squadron will no longer respond to routine lockouts in family housing, officer or enlisted dormitories. Individual unit keys will be maintained at the Lodging Office. Occupants must provide sufficient identification to verify they are the authorized resident of that unit to sign for their key and must return the key within one hour. For more information, call Ext. 3546.

Trash cans

Trash pick-up is on Mondays for Capitol Housing residents and on Thursdays for Magnolia and State Village residents. Residents with trash or recycling receptacles left curb-side later

Under pressure



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

William Moreau, 6, sits patiently while Airman 1st Class Ashley Taylor-Bailey, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, reads his blood pressure at the base clinic Saturday for his sports physical. All base children wishing to play summer sports must have a completed 2006 physical before attending any practice. For more information, call the clinic at Ext. 2172.

than noon the following day will be ticketed by the housing office.

Cell phones while driving

Effective immediately, people driving on base while talking on a cell phone will now be ticketed; no more warnings will be issued. For more information, call the 14th Security Forces Squadron at Ext. 7128.

Garage sales

On-base garage sales are only permitted the first Saturday of every month. Advertisements for sales are limited to yard signs or ads in the base paper only. Signs must be no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet. Displaying signs on utility poles and street signs is prohibited.

Advertising yard sales in the local media, excluding the base newspaper, is also prohibited. People may locally advertise individual items for sale, such as

automobiles, boats, washers, dryers or refrigerators. Columbus AFB housing areas are located on a federal installation and the civilian public may only enter a military installation on official business, open house functions or social visitations. Yard and carport sales do not fall within these criteria.

Student spouse enrollment

East Mississippi Community College has designated a registration window from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday for student pilot spouses who wish to enroll in the Student Pilot Spouse Listening Program on the Golden Triangle campus this summer.

Cost is \$50 per course, and a list of classes is available at www.eastms.edu.

Those interested should call Monica Engel at 243-2672 or Linda Gates at 243-1978 between 8 a.m. and noon Monday to schedule a registration appointment for Tuesday.

Memphis In May: This month-long celebration ends with the Sunset Symphony Saturday at Tom Lee Park on Riverside Drive between Beale Street and Georgia Avenue in downtown Memphis, Tenn. The gates open at 2 p.m. The music will begin at 3 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

Tickets are available at the festival entrances on Riverside Drive at Beale Street and at Georgia Avenue. Admission is \$7 and ages 6 and younger are admitted free of charge. Picnic baskets, blankets and lawn chairs are welcome, but pets and umbrellas or shade awnings are not permitted. For more information, visit www.memphisinmay.org.

Columbus Lock and Dam: Fully operational, the Columbus Lock and Dam is located on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, a 234-mile navigable channel linking the Tennessee River to Mobile, Ala. The Waterway is open daily and offers multiple opportunities for outdoor recreation including boating, fishing, picnicking, nature trails and playgrounds. Tours are available by appointment. No admission is charged. For more information, call 327-2142.

Peabody Hotel rooftop parties: Now through August, the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tenn., features rooftop parties from 6 to 11 p.m. every Thursday. Admission is \$5 per person.

The tradition of rooftop parties at The Peabody began in the 1930s and continues today as the social event of the sea-

son with live music, dancing, cocktails and views of the Mississippi River. For more information, visit www.peabodymemphis.com.

Poetry contest: Celestial Arts sponsors an amateur poetry contest for the public. The grand prize is \$1,000 and \$50,000 in cash prizes will be awarded throughout the year. People can send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540; or enter online at www.freecontest.com. Submissions must include the authors’ name and address. The deadline is June 30. For more information, e-mail thomasmike_us@yahoo.com

Gospel concert: The Palmetto State Quartet will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at the historic Princess Theatre in downtown Columbus. Tickets are \$15 for front seating and \$10 for general admission. Cost is \$8 per person for groups of 15 or more people. Groups of 25 or more people should call for a special rate. For more information, call 245-1012 or 245-1019.

Smoke on the Mountain: This musical comedy will feature the Sanders Family Singers at 7:30 p.m. June 2 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Starkville, Miss. For more information, call (662) 323-6855.

Bama Belle Sunset Cruises: This hour and a half cruise

along the Black Warrior river banks is offered at 6 p.m. every Tuesday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The event features live entertainment. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children. No reservations are required. Dinner cruises are also available. For more information, call (205) 339-1108 or visit www.bamabelle.com.

Mississippi Spring Fest 2006: This family event features a car show, food, live entertainment and children’s activities June 3 through June 6 in Ashland, Miss. Driving directions are available at the family support center. For more information, call (662) 224-3220 or visit www.ashland.ms.

EMCC cosmetology services: Students from the East Mississippi Community College cosmetology department offer services to military spouses now through June 30. Salon hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Appointments are encouraged and can be made after 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 243-1915. All services are performed by students in training under instructor supervision. Students are paid by tips only. Call 243-1915 for a complete list of services.

For more information about local area events, call the family support center at Ext. 2790.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week’s issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week’s issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one)	Home	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Yard sales	Pets
Print advertisement _____					

Name _____					
Home Telephone # _____			Duty Telephone # _____ (in case we need more information)		
Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:					
Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News <input type="checkbox"/> Sports <input type="checkbox"/> Photos <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____					
If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.					

Auto time trials held at Columbus AFB

Mississippi Region, Sports Car Club of America, held sports car style time trials on Saturday and Sunday at the Columbus AFB Strategic Air Command ramp area.

These time trials, known as SCCA Solo II events, allow a driver to maneuver through a tight, twisty course marked by orange cones. The object is to drive through the course as quickly as possible without hitting any of the cones. The driver who executes the course in the least amount of time is the winner. Each driver is given multiple opportunities to score his lowest elapsed time.

Three categories of vehicles are scored. The Open Tire category is composed of those cars using special purpose racing tires. Street Tire category is made up of the autos using regular treaded tires as would normally be found on the city streets and public highways. The Novice category, also using regular tires, is composed of those drivers

who have competed in less than six of these events.

A total of 41 drivers, including several from Columbus AFB, participated during the two days of time trials.

While these events frequently produce close lap times, Sunday's event produced some unusually close battles for 1st and 2nd in the Open Tire and Street Tire categories. The margin of victory in Open Tire was .492 seconds and the margin in Street Tire was .778 seconds.

Complete results for all the drivers can be found on the Mississippi Region SCCA Web site – www.MSSCCA.org. The next scheduled events at Columbus AFB are August 26 and Aug. 27. Information on entering these upcoming events can also be found on the MSSCCA Web site, or contact Todd Salzwedel at (662) 434-7191. *(Courtesy of the 48th Flying Training Squadron)*

Saturday's Results

Open Tire

1. Ryland Hemphill – Brandon, Miss. – Mini Cooper S – 1:09:007
2. Drew Boyles – Starkville, Miss. – BMW M3 – 1:10:062
3. Charles Haynes – Cordova, Tenn. – Lynx Formula Vee – 1:11:874

Street Tire

1. Craig Smith – Madison, Miss. – Mazda Miata – 1:14:299
2. Brian Anderson – Brandon, Miss. – Toyota Supra – 1:15:847
3. Gary Fallon – Brandon, Miss. – Acura RSX-S – 1:16:589

Novice

1. Randy Russell – Oxford, Miss. – Mazda Miata – 1:19:242
2. Safarest Halfacre – Starkville, Miss. – Nissan 240SX – 1:19:949
3. T.J. Hipp – Brandon, Miss. – Ford Mustang – 1:20:699

Sunday's Results

Open Tire

1. Drew Boyles – Starkville, Miss. – BMW M3 – 0:59:483
2. Ryland Hemphill – Brandon, Miss. – Mini Cooper S – 0:59:975
3. Charles Haynes – Cordova, Tenn. – Lynx Formula Vee – 1:02:205

Street Tire

1. Will Hamilton – Brandon, Miss. – Acura RSX-S – 1:04:208
2. Todd Salzwedel – Columbus AFB – Subaru Outback – 1:04:986
3. David McFall – Bessemer, Ala. – Corvette – 1:05:294

Novice

1. Safarest Halfacre – Starkville, Miss. – Nissan 240 SX – 1:07:870
2. Brad Barrett – Philadelphia, Miss. – Dodge Viper – 1:09:169
3. Derek Park – Oxford, Miss. – Subaru WRX – 1:10:621

Sports Shorts

Trap and skeet range

This range opens at 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Cost is \$3 for 25 rounds. Membership is \$30 for one year or \$75 for three years. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

Softball umpires needed

Softball umpires are needed to register with the Amateur Softball Association for a fee of \$35 to officiate the base intramural league May through July. Scorekeepers are also needed. For more information, call Frank Solorio at 364-0414.

Super Golf Scramble

The 6th Annual Super Golf will be held at Whispering Pines golf course June 3 and June 4. The tournament is a four person scramble. Participants will choose from a of a 7:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Entry is \$200 per team or \$50 per person, and includes lunch on both days, door prizes, tee prizes, beverages throughout the day and a chance to win a 2006 Kia Optima for a hole in one on Sunday. Teams must be registered by May 28. Entry forms are available at the pro shop or Sonic drive-in located on Highway 45. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

On your mark!



Pam Wickham

Base children and their parents begin their run along base roads for America's Kids Run Saturday.